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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEApplicant: ThongExaminer:Ser. No.: 10/017,998Art Group:Title: APPARATUS FOR TREATING A FIBRILLATION OF AT LEAST ONE CHAMBER OF A HEARTFiled: 13 December 2001Date: 27 February 2002PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is filed with the missing parts in this case, which is based on German application 100 64 597.6, which was filed on 18 December 2000. The fees for the claims should be calculated based on the claims remaining after the entry of this Preliminary Amendment, which results in 69 total claims, 1 of which is independent. Consistent with the modifications to 37 CFR §1.121, the applicant has provided a clean copy of the claims as they stand after amendment.

Amendments to the Disclosure

None at this time. In order to introduce paragraph numbering and headings as are customary in U.S. practice, a clean copy of the specification pages identical to the verified translation is provided for examination purposes, under 37 CFR §1.125. No new matter is presented in the clean copy of the specification.

Amendments to the Figures

None at this time.

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (amended) An apparatus [Apparatus] for treating fibrillation of at least one chamber of a heart of a patient, comprising :
a fibrillation detector ; [(1) for detecting a fibrillation,]
a defibrillator [(2)] for defibrillating the chamber of the heart, wherein the defibrillator is connected to the fibrillation detector [(1)] and effects [is adapted to effect] defibrillation subsequently to a time interval after detection of the fibrillation ; [.]